GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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RECOGNITION TO AVIATION ACADEMICS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government grants recognition to Aviation Academies to impart training for preparing pilots in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State - wise list of aviation academies working in the country;

(d) whether the Government has received reports that certain academies are not following the correct practices in maintaining logbooks of the training hours put in by the trainee pilots; and

(e) if so, the details and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- Yes, Sir. Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) gives approval for setting up Flying Training Institutes in India in accordance with the Civil Aviation Requirements Section 7, Series D, Part I.

(c):- 31 flying training institutes have been approved by DGCA of these 3 each are in Andhra Pradesh,Haryana and Madhya Pradesh,2 each in Chatisgarh,Gujarat,Karnataka,Maharashtra, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh and 1 each in Assam,Bihar,Jharkhand,Kerala,Orissa,Puducheri,Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

(d) and (e):- Reports of malpractices by the Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) of M/s. Carver Aviation Academy were duly investigated by DGCA.Investigation revealed irregularity in the functioning of the academy.Pending investigation,the licence of the academy was suspended by DGCA.The Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) status of Capt. Ashim Taxali was withdrawn.However, in view of the fact that the management of the institute themselves detected the malpractices and reported to the local police authorities and keeping in view the career prospects of trainees enrolled with the institute,the suspension of the licence was revoked after assurance from the academy of a strict monitoring system.DGCA has been directed to ensure that these systems are in place.DGCA has been directed to ensure a strict monitoring system to avoid malpractices.